

Senate Study Bill 1357

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to water quality improvements and watershed
2 improvements and related funding.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 159.5, Code 2007, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. In the administration of programs
4 relating to water quality improvement and watershed
5 improvements, cooperate with the department of natural
6 resources in order to maximize the receipt of federal funds.
7 Sec. 2. Section 455A.4, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
9 NEW PARAGRAPH. j. In the administration of programs
10 relating to water quality improvement and watershed
11 improvements, cooperate with the department of agriculture and
12 land stewardship in order to maximize the receipt of federal
13 funds.
14 Sec. 3. Section 466A.2, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
15 2007, is amended to read as follows:
16 a. Enhancement of water quality in the state through a
17 variety of impairment-based, locally directed watershed
18 improvement grant projects. Innovative water quality projects
19 shall be encouraged.

1 20 Sec. 4. Section 466A.4, Code 2007, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Public water supply utilities,
4 utilities, and cities may also be eligible and apply for and
5 receive local watershed improvement grants for water quality
6 improvement projects.
7 Sec. 5. 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1145, section 4,
8 subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 1, is amended to read as
9 follows:
10 A watershed quality planning task force is established
11 within the department of natural resources in cooperation with
12 the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship. By
13 ~~June 30, January 1, 2008~~, the task force shall report to the
14 general assembly its recommendations for a voluntary statewide
15 water quality program which is designed to achieve all of the
16 following goals:

EXPLANATION

2 1 This bill relates to water quality improvements and
2 watershed improvements and related funding.
3 The bill requires the director of the department of natural
4 resources and the department of agriculture and land
5 stewardship to cooperate in administering programs relating to
6 water quality improvement and watershed improvements for
7 purposes of maximizing the receipt of federal funds.
8 The bill provides that innovative water quality projects
9 shall be encouraged under the watershed improvement fund.
10 The bill allows public water supply utilities, utilities,
11 and cities to apply for a watershed improvement grant for
12 water improvement projects.
13 Currently, the watershed quality planning task force is
14 required to report to the general assembly its recommendations
15 for a voluntary statewide water quality program by June 30,
16 2008. The bill changes the reporting date to January 1, 2008.
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